Gurudakshina tax on fresh graduates

†3816. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a UGC proposal to impose Gurudakshina tax on those fresh graduates who get their maiden job in private or public sector after completing the education;

(b) if so, the purpose and objectives of this proposal;

(c) the circumstances under which such proposal has been mooted;

(d) whether Government agree with this proposal and contemplating to give consent to it;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(0 if not, who is responsible for such proposal of UGC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has not forwarded any such proposal for the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Vacant post of Director/Chairman in NBT

3817. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) for how long National Book Trust, has been without a regular Director and Chairman; and

(b) how such contingencies could not be visualised and arrangements made to fill these posts in time so that the services don't suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) The tenure of the former Chairman, Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra ended on 6th December, 2002. The new Chairman has assumed the office of the Chairman, NBT on 21st March, 2003.

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